

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 60**  
**INCIDENT NO. 97-015**  
**DATE: August 14, 1997      TIME: 2:00 P.M.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring flood statewide.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: Unmet needs that have been identified among some Grand Forks flood survivors include a lack of laundry and transportation services for residents living at Industrial Park, a temporary manufactured housing development. The Aging Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services reported that some Industrial Park residents lack transportation service and, as a result, are encountering difficulties traveling to work, grocery stores, laundromats and other essential services. The Greater Grand Forks Senior Citizens Association is trying to establish bus service to the area, but has encountered difficulties developing schedules that meet residents' needs. Other unmet needs identified include shortfalls in adult day care programs for elderly and disabled residents, and air conditioners for manufactured homes for residents living at Industrial Park.

Richland County agricultural officials reported pea-sized hail with driving winds of 50 to 60 miles per hour (mph) during storms on August 2 and August 5. Approximately 50,000 acres of small grains, corn, soybeans, edible beans and sugar beets sustained damage. Twenty farm structures valued at an estimated \$16,000 also were damaged.

The level of Devils Lake at Creel Bay was 1,442.79 feet on August 14. Flood waters had threatened the lake gauge at Creel Bay, requiring the U.S. Geological Survey to relocate the gauge 20 feet to higher ground. Daily readings had not been available since July 30 when the lake level was at 1,442.95 feet MSL.

4. RESOURCES:  
  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: The American Red Cross has spent \$9 million to date on response and recovery work in North Dakota and Minnesota. Volunteers and staff members have handled 11,580 cases in North Dakota.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management has received approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VIII office for the acquisition of 10 flood-

damaged homes in Wahpeton. The project was submitted to the Division of Emergency Management under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG).

On August 12, Maj. Gen. Phillip R. Anderson, Commander Mississippi Valley Division of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, met with local and state officials in Devils Lake and toured Devils Lake regarding the continued lake rise problem.

National and regional representatives of FEMA's Infrastructure Program visited the Devils Lake Basin and Grand Forks area on August 13 and 14. Representatives of the N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Public Assistance Program accompanied them.

Of the 36,494 North Dakotans who reported personal property damages to the National Teleregistration Center (NTC), 24,223 eligible applicants have received more than \$50.5 million in Disaster Housing assistance.

The Individual and Family Grant Program (IFG), administered by the Division of Emergency Management, has approved more than \$10 million in grants to individuals for flood losses. The average IFG grant is \$1,295.

To date, the Public Assistance staff has prepared Damage Survey Reports (DSRs) for the 1997 flood for nearly \$71 million of infrastructure repairs, emergency work and debris removal in the declared counties.

As of August 13, Job Service North Dakota has paid nearly \$4.3 million in Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). The agency has received 8,275 DUA applications.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved to date more than \$158.3 million in low-interest loans for businesses and individuals. The SBA has received 11,422 loan applications, 6,450 of which have been approved. Of the loans, 58 percent were to home owners and renters for real estate and personal property losses, and 42 percent were to business owners for repairs to businesses and for lost income.

The Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners issued an Emergency Declaration after flash flooding caused extensive damage to roads and culverts.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Other web site addresses for flood recovery information include:

N.D. Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>  
N.D. League of Cities: <http://www.ndlc.org>  
N.D. State Water Commission: <http://water.swc.state.nd.us>  
N.D. Attorney General Office: <http://www.state.nd.us/ndag>  
N.D. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.state.nd.us/agr/>  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.ncs-wc.usace.army.mil>  
U.S. Geological Survey: <http://srv1dndbmk.cr.usgs.gov/public/index.html>

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